

# FIRST PARISH OF WESTWOOD, UCC

*Growing Faith + Sharing Love + Grounding Lives*



## We are an Open & Affirming Church

*First Parish of Westwood affirms the dignity and worth of every person regardless of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical or mental ability, family structure, education level, economic circumstance and faith or religious tradition.*

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## November 14, 2021

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**Join us today at 10am.** First Parish Church will be holding an in-person worship service.

The service will also be live streamed on our Facebook page. To access the Facebook page, please [click here](#).

Note: To view the Order of Service for this morning's service, please [click here](#).

Sunday School will be held outside due to the different variants of COVID-19 and our young parishioners. We are working on an alternative

plan if there is inclement weather.

**COVID Protocols:**

**\*\*\*\*We are continuing to open windows in the sanctuary during Sunday services as long as temperatures allow. We have blankets available for anyone who needs one. We also encourage people to dress warmly as we head into late fall/winter.\*\*\*\***

Everyone who attends in-person worship should wear a mask and will be asked to sign-in upon arrival. Should it be too cold to have windows open during service, seating in pews will be spaced. The balcony is also available to anyone who would like to be seated there.



### Veterans Day Recognition - Today

A special moment of recognition is planned during worship today when we will honor those veterans in our lives who have served our country with great honor and distinction.

You are invited to bring in a framed picture of a current or past service member to display during the worship service.

Many thanks to all veterans.



### Stewardship Sunday November 21st

Stewardship Sunday will be a time for us to offer gratitude for all we have done this past year and to breathe new life into the coming year. Stewardship letters and pledge cards were sent out Friday and should arrive in your mailbox soon after. On Stewardship Sunday, please bring your pledge card to worship so that it may be included in the blessing of all the pledge cards received.



### Food Drive - Brought to you by the Church School

Please Help Fill the Wagon!!

Our church school is running a food drive for local food pantries. The wagon (see pictures) is filling up and overflowing. Please keep donations coming in through November 21st.



Most needed items include instant coffee, spaghetti sauce, boxed pasta, canned fruits, cold cereals, flavored oatmeal, and hygiene items such as dish and laundry detergent, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and #6 diapers.

## Job Well Done!!!!

Over 25 people turned out this past Sunday for the fall clean-up of the grounds around the church and parsonage. A good time was had by all!



## Winter Clothing Drive - Mission and Outreach Project

Donations of clothes, winter coats and jackets are still being accepted for Rosie's Place and for TEC (The Education Cooperative) class at the Westwood High School and the Friendship Club. A bin is available in the church lobby where donations may be left until December 5th.





## Important Dates at a Glance

### November

- Sunday, Nov. 14 - Worship including Veterans Day recognition
- Nov. 21 - Stewardship Sunday; Final day for food drive
- Thursday, Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving/Church Closed
- Sunday, Nov. 28 - 1st Sunday in Advent

### December

- Saturday, Dec. 4 - Christmas Fair
- Sunday, Dec. 5 - 2nd Sunday in Advent
- Sunday, Dec. 12 - 3rd Sunday in Advent
- Sunday, Dec. 12 (afternoon)- Fellowship Event. Churchwide caroling outing. Details to follow.
- Sunday, Dec. 19 - 4th Sunday in Advent/Music Sunday
- Friday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Services  
Two services will be held. Details to follow.
- Sunday, Dec. 26 - At home worship



## Office Hours

Monday 9 am - 1 pm

Tuesday 1 pm - 3 pm

Wednesday 9 am - 1 pm

In order to have everything ready for Sunday's service bulletin each week, all information should be submitted to the church office by Tuesday morning.

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